



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
State House  
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Donald L. Carcieri  
Governor

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 14, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and Section 43-1-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I transmit, with my disapproval, 2010 H 8238, "Relating to State Affairs and Government -- State Emblems."

**State Emblems Bill Sonnet**

Per Constitution and Rhode Island Law  
Bill 2010 H-8238  
I must disapprove since it holds a flaw.  
It would by law a State Poem create.  
A worthy poet had written those lines  
Off 'ring thoughts about a Rhode Island hill.  
This famous bard would certainly decline  
Since other poets were unheard from still.  
For no contest was held or survey done  
To find out what other poems might show.  
Open process lets inspiration run  
So I ask your support of this veto.

Art is not art if the state must decree.  
Verses are best when we let poems be.

Therefore, I respectfully disapprove of this legislation and urge your support of this veto.

Sincerely,

  
Donald L. Carcieri  
Governor